

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION TO ESTABLISH THE POLICY IN SUPPORT OF RESTORATION IN THE NORTH COAST REGION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (North Coast Water Board) amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region that would establish a *Policy in Support of Restoration in the North Coast Region*.

On January 29, 2015, the North Coast Water Board adopted Resolution R1-2015-0001—*Policy in Support of Restoration in the North Coast Region* (Restoration Policy), and Resolution R1-2015-0004—*Adopting Basin Plan Amendment for the Policy in Support of Restoration in the North Coast Region* (Adopting Resolution). The adopted Restoration Policy and the Adopting Resolution can both be found on the world-wide-web at the following address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/restoration_policy.shtml

A copy of the Restoration Policy and/or the Adopting Resolution can also be received by mail by contacting Jonathan Warmerdam at (707) 576-2468 or by email at Jonathan.Warmerdam@waterboards.ca.gov.

REQUEST NOTICE OF STATE BOARD MEETINGS. The State Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the Basin Plan amendment. Oral comments at the State Water Board meeting generally will be limited to a summary of the written comments submitted during the written comment period. Persons interested (including those who submit oral or written comments to the North Coast Water Board and State Water Board) in receiving notice of the meeting at which the State Water Board will consider approving the Basin Plan amendment **must subscribe** to: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg1_subscribe.shtml and select "Basin Planning." The State Water Board encourages use of its electronic mailing list. Persons who require notice by regular mail must submit such request to the North Coast Water Board contact identified below.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Basin Plan amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on April 14, 2015**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the State Water Board determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (**must be no more than 15 megabytes**); fax at (916) 341-5620; or mail or hand delivery at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter—North Coast Restoration Policy.**"

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS (23 Cal. Code Regs., § 3779, subd. (f)).
The State Water Board may refuse to accept any comments that do not satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Comments must specifically address the final version of the proposed Basin Plan amendment adopted by the North Coast Water Board.
2. If the North Coast Water Board previously responded to a similar or identical comment related to the proposed Basin Plan amendment, the commenter must explain why and in what manner the commenter believes each of the responses provided by the North Coast Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect.
3. The commenter also must include either a statement that each of the comments was timely raised before the North Coast Water Board, or an explanation of why the commenter was unable to raise the specific comment before the North Coast Water Board.

Please direct any questions about this notice to Jonathan Warmerdam, Environmental Scientist at the North Coast Water Board, at (707) 576-2751 or by email at Jonathan.Warmerdam@waterboards.ca.gov.

March 10, 2015

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board